TV Coverage of Indian Refugees during Gulf War

2057. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for the T.V. coverage of the return journey of the Indian refugees from Kuwait and Iraq through Amman (Jordan) during the recent gulf war;

(b) the expenditure incurred by Doordarshan thereon;

(c) the number of crew members deputed for the coverage of the gulf war;

(d) whether Doordarshan had made any other arrangements for this coverage; and

(e) if so, the expenditure incurred in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e) The return of Indian refugees from Kuwait and Iraq through Amman during the Gulf War was covered by Doordarshan by deputing a 3-member Doordarshan team to the Gulf from 27-9-90 to 15-10-90. An expenditure of about Rs. 1.40 lacs was incurred on the team's deputation. The Gulf war was covered in the Doordarshan news bulletins by taking footage through Satellite under a regular arrangement existing between Doordarshan and the International visual news agencies like Visnews and Asiavision etc. under which Doordarshan gets coverages of major international events by paying subscription annually. Besides, Doordarshan also telecast interviews and interview based programmes on Gulf War, its impact on the Indian economy and world polity etc. A sum of Rs. 15.00 lacs (approximately) was spent on mounting of these programmes.

Scheme to provide Sanskrit Scholars

2058. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to provide competent Sanskrit scholars to offer elective courses on Sanskrit Grammar, Nyaya, Mimamsa, etc. for students of computer science;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the curricula prepared or under preparation; and

(c) the names of the technical institutions which would be appropriate for conducting such courses during the Eighth Five Year Plan so that Indian language processing activities are conducted with excellence and without loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Electronics under its programme on Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) has initiated a scheme for preparation of curriculum guidelines and course material for introduction of Sanskrit Vyakaran, Nyaya, Mimamsa and Nirikuta to linguistics and computer scientists. Participating agencies are as under:--

(1) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.

(2) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.

(3) Gurukul Kangdi University, Haridwar.

Computer Oriented Language Projects

2059. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the importance of Sanskrit